



PERSHORE BENEFICE
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross with
St Nicholas' Pinvin, St James' Birlingham & St Mary's Wick
Sunday, 09 June 2024
TRINITY 2 / D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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THE COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 3.8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – 'I believed, and so I spoke' – we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who

raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL **Mark 3.20-35**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' – for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN SHEET

A&M 763

GERONTIUS

FIRST HYMN

1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

2 O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

5 O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;

3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

6 And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

4 And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

7 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

[John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Music by Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938)]

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 358

BE STILL

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found –
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight-
our radiant King of light!
Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
no work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

2 For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he would not own.

3 There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

4 If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

[Frederick William Faber(1814-1863)]

COMMUNION MOTET

Thou Knowest Lord—Henry Purcel
Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death,
to fall from thee. Amen.*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 840

*Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.*

1. Lord, you have searched me and known me;
You know when I sit down, when I rise up.
You are acquainted with all my ways.
2. If I take the wings of the morning,
And settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
Even there your hand shall hold me fast.
3. If I say 'Let the darkness cover me,'
Even the darkness is not dark to you,
And night is as bright as the day.
4. Search me God, and know my heart
And lead me in the everlasting way.

[Taizé Community]

FINAL HYMN

A&M 818

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

- 1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

- 2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.
- 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Voluntary: Concerto in g, after Prince Johann Ernst—JS Bach
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

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As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

- Worship God
- Welcome All
- Reach out to the world

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01386 552071 and they will get back to you as soon as they can.*

AS WE COMMEMORATE THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY, WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE MIDST OF CONFLICT AND WAR TODAY, AND REMEMBER, WITH THANKS, THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE PURSUIT OF PEACE.

We pray for those whose weddings, blessings and baptisms are taking place and for all those who are making new plans to celebrate these special life events.

We pray for all those welcoming new life into their families.

We pray for those in need.

We pray for those who have died and for their families and friends.

We pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs in the coming week.



Prayer on the 80th anniversary of D-Day

God our refuge and strength,
as we remember those
who faced danger and death in Normandy,
eighty years ago,
grant us courage to pursue what is right,
the will to work with others,
and strength to overcome tyranny and oppression,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom belong dominion and glory,
now and for ever.
Amen.

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

TREATMENT PLAN UPDATE FROM CLAIRE: I have now had some test results which have confirmed that the first stage of my treatment for breast cancer will be chemotherapy. After this has been completed I will have surgery. I don't have firm dates for when my chemotherapy will start but I imagine it will be in the next few weeks. My treatment will have an impact on my work as I will have to pace myself and make sure that I am looking after myself as much as I can. I will share with you how this will all look once I know. Thank you again for all your care and concern. You are all an incredible source of strength. Please continue to pray for me and all health professionals. *Claire*

BUS FOR REVD JAYNE PARKER'S ORDINATION - 29 JUNE: A coach has been arranged to take people from the Abbey to the Cathedral and back, leaving the Abbey at 1230 and returning from the cathedral at 1630. If you are joining us on the bus, please pay your £8 per person to the office either in person or by BACS (preferred). Money will not be taken on the bus. Thank you. *Peter Stansbie*

CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN: There will be a special service in the Abbey on Thursday 20 June at 1900 to mark 30 years since women were first ordained priest. In 1994, 22 women were ordained in the Diocese of Worcester to serve in parishes across Worcestershire and Dudley. Those pioneers will be guests of honour at the service alongside the many women who have been ordained since and all those who have supported them along the way. Bishop John will preach at the service, Archdeacon Nikki Groarke will lead the prayers and there will be interviews with one of the first women ordained in our diocese as well as one of the most recently ordained. There will be cava and cake after the service! All welcome.



ST ANDREW'S COORDINATOR: After a six month trial, where the Abbey PCC was able to see whether a 16 hours a month paid St Andrew's Coordinator was the best way forward for the Centre, we are delighted to announce that it is. Having a named coordinator to liaise between the Office and our hirers, and to oversee maintenance and other every day issues has been invaluable. We are delighted to let you know that Sam Andrews, who has been fulfilling this role on a temporary basis, has been successfully appointed as the permanent St Andrew's Coordinator. *Claire*

ELECTION HUSTINGS: Churches Together in Pershore, in partnership with Pershore High School, are arranging Election Hustings. When we are able, details will be shared on our social media and in next week's bulletin. *Claire*

PLEASE SEE OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR MORE
INFORMATION & OTHER NOTICES

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

Canon Claire's usual day off is Friday. Claire will not be available for commitments on this day.

Sunday 09 June Trinity 2 / D-Day 80th Anniversary

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:30 Café Church (*St Andrew's Main*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Upper*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with *LIVESTREAM*—As part of this service we will be remembering the 80th Anniversary of D-Day (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise (*St Mary's, Wick*)

13:00 Swindon Male Voice Choir—Informal Singing until 13:30 (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Wholeness and Healing (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 10 June

09:30 Yoga Class (*St Andrew's Upper*)

10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 Art and Craft for Wellbeing
(*St Andrew's Main*)

18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

19:00 Art and Craft for Wellbeing
(*St Andrew's Upper*)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*Pershore Abbey*)

Tuesday 11 June

09:30 Bell Ringing - VOE Peal (*St Andrew's*)

10:00 Abbey Architect Shortlisting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

11:00 CTiP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 Abbey Women's Fellowship
(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Wednesday 12 June

10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:00 Bring Your Own Craft & Chat
(*St Andrew's Main*)

15:45 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

Thursday 13 June

09:45 iSing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Roland Rutter Court*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 14 June

09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 CTiP Food Bank (*St Andrew's Main*)

16:00 Coventry Civic Society Visit (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

Saturday 15 June

10:30 PASA Coffee Morning (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:45 Concert Use (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra
Concert (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 16 June Trinity 3

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Upper*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with *Fair Trade Stall and LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Sunday Praise (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

15:00 Private Party (*St Andrew's Main*)



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